(d) what is the latest position of recovery in each case and by when the amount worked out would be recovered;

(e) what steps have been taken to speed up the process of recovery; and

(f) what is the total amount recovered during the last three years, yearwise upto 30th June, 1987 and by when the total amount estimated to be around eight hundred crores will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) and (f) Notices have been issued in over 200 cases. The rest of the information called for in the question is voluminous and not readily available. Time and efforts required for collecting this will be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) Necessary steps to recover the amount, wherever dues have been taken as per due process of law.

Prices of Ethambutol, etc.

1001. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of overcharging of prices of Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide, INH and Rifampicin formulations of various companies are in the knowledge of his Ministry;

(b) if so, name of each company, pack size for which prices have been overcharged, price approved, price charged at different points of time after 1979 and the number of packs sold during such periods;

(c) whether any packs have been sold by the companies involved without any price approval, if so, pack size and the period for which no price approval was taken; and

(d) what action has been taken to provide relief to poor TB and leprotic patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) A large number of formulations based on the bulk drugs referred to in the question are currently sold by many drug companies. Instances of some companies charging higher prices pending disposal of their representations have come to the notice of the Government. The leader prices of Rifampicin formulations have recently been revised by the Government and the drugs are now available as prices fixed by the Government. The details asked for in the question are quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Review petitions submitted under DPCO

1002. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Review Petitions submitted under para 27 of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 by the drug companies;

(b) what is the total number of review petitions still pending and by when the same are likely to be disposed of;

(c) how many review petitions are being disposed of every year;

(d) how many review petitions have been disposed of from 1st January 1987 to 30th June, 1987 alongwith the name of the company the product involved as well as the price fixed by Government and price charged by the company;

(e) what will be the position of these review petitions after the announcement of proposed New Drugs Price Control Order;

(f) whether it is a fact that none of the fixed prices have been implemented; and

(g) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Prices of more than 350 bulk drugs and several thousand formulations based thereon are controlled under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979. The details required in the question are, therefore quite voluminous and are not readily available. The time and efforts required for collection of these will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(e) The new Drugs Price Control Order has not been announced by the Government yet.

(f) and (g) Instances of some of the manufacturers charging their own prices pending disposal of their review petitions have come to the notice of the Government.

Objective for creating DPEA

1003. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1515 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the objective for which DPEA was created;

(b) whether such a proposal had the approval of Cabinet;

(c) whether DPEA was proposed by a Committee;

(d) if so, the name of the Committee and its members;

(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is proposing to abolish DPEA due to administrative problems.

(f) what are the details of the problems and what steps were taken to solve those problems:

(g) whether his Ministry has appointed any Committee to look into the operational difficulties;

(h) if so, what are the details of their report;

(i) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(j) whether his Ministry is proposing to appoint a Committee to look into the problems and report; and

(k) if so, by when the Committee will be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) It is contained in the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The DPCO, 1979 was based on the Drug Policy, 1978.

(e) and (f) The detailed reasons are contained in the "Measures for Rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of Drugs & Pharmaceutical Industry in India" copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(g) and (i) No, Sir it was not considered necessary to do so.

(h) Does not arise.

(j) and (k) There is no such proposal under consideration for the present.

Price control on Drugs

1004. SHRI GHAN SHYAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 550 drugs being extensively used in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is proposing to control the price of only 100 drugs;